

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, is respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

Claims 44-52 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 19-27 of United States Patent No. 6,703,421 B1. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, the expedite prosecution in the subject application and not to acquiesce to the Examiner's rejection, applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over United States Patent No. 6,703,421 B1. Accordingly, withdrawal of this non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.


In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment and Reply, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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